



Buena Vista Trails Advisory Board
November 3, 2009
Public Works Building

Present: Fran Rulon-Miller, Roy Gertson, Bob Gray, Dick Scar, Shannon Haydin, Ed Eberle, Rachel Friedman, Kathy Hoerlein

1. Fran called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Oct. 6, 2009 Minutes approved as amended. (Additions in parentheses)

OLD BUSINESS

Updates:

1. Status of subdivisions with relation to trail development – Rachel and Shannon reported that The Meadows annex review hearing will be Nov. 10 at 7:00 p.m. The same sketch plan was presented and P&Z recommended approval. Lois had written a letter in regard to trails which will be in the Trustees' packet to review. Our concerns remain that the spine trail be an 8'-10' wide trail on a 12' -15' easement, the problem of maintenance equipment on a narrower trail and ADA accessibility.
2. It was agreed by members to take off future agendas the non-deeded property by Cottage Glen and the upgrade of Trails Plan map as Town staff will inform the Board as information is available.
3. Other trail development – DOC work – Roy said the crew has scheduled work and it may be spring before much trail work can be done. The trail on the south side of Ramsour Rd. was mentioned to be more defined and maintained. Split rail fencing was suggested on the south side and Roy would check into cost.
4. CDOT Enhancement Grant – Rachel reported we are still in the running and had been contacted for more details which is positive. There is room for bike/pedestrian lanes on both sides of Marquette St. Possibly the trail on Mayer Ave. can be widened.
5. 2010 Town Budget Requests – Roy reported that the Parks Budget now includes parks, open space and trails. The \$6,000 to bring back the SWCC next summer was approved. Roy said that 6 new kiosks were placed at the Buena Vista Wildlife Area off of C.R. 361 and weeds were mowed. Weeds will again be mowed in June.
6. County/Town bike/ped pathway on Crossman Ave. – Bob reported that County Commissioner Dennis Geise would like to see a bike/ped trail built on Crossman. Bob said he would like to work with Dennis and John Cogswell to do this. After discussion Kathy made **Motion #1 for Bob to serve as a liaison with county and town staff to pursue development of a trail along Crossman Ave.** Ed seconded and motion carried unanimously. Bob will work with Sue on pursuing this proposal.
7. LSMR Trail update – Shannon said a support letter for the Planning Grant application for in-kind match of 40 hours of staff time was written and Trustees signed it.
8. Chaffee County name on trail signs – Kim Antonucci had expressed interest in permission to use our trail logo. Bob will contact Kathy McCoy about county interest. It was felt that this is a step toward a cooperative agreement and consistency.
9. VOC Midland Trail restoration project – Kathy reported that about 70 volunteers, including three Trails Advisory Board members, worked on the lower half of the Midland Trail. Next year the upper half is scheduled to be done. Sustainability, rock steps and erosion control were the main focus.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning for trail projects in 2010

- Roy said we need to identify what project to have the SWCC work on next summer. The off-leash dog water play area and signage just south of the B. Whipple bridge was suggested along with upgrading the area at the steps along the Arkansas River Trail. Bob said we would need some engineering advice on lay out, grade and switchbacks on which Rachel could advise.
- Rachel reported that to the north of the Whipple bridge the water feature was being grouted underneath and the other features were being worked on. Next March and April two more water features would be created.
- Rachel said Kurt Scheidt contacted her about replacing the gates on the trail endpoints on DOW land from DePaul to Steele Dr. with hinge gates. Rachel will contact Randy Hancock.
- Ed suggested planning an off-leash dog play area along a trail but on city property. It was mentioned that the Rec Board was planning a Frisbee golf course with a fenced area and possible dog area. Ed will check into this.
- It was agreed that Lois and Kathy would generate a list for 2010 projects to look at for our Dec. meeting. We need to keep in mind that our trails need to follow the trail standards of our Trail Plan and think about how to improve our trail plan.
- Possibly by 2011 we will have a brochure for the Cottonwood Creek Trail.
- The Marquard Nature Trail could use 2 rock trail markers with our logo as well as to upgrade the trail.

2. Other:

- SRTS –Rachel attended the meeting and reported that a study is being done on how students get to school and a tally is being kept as information is received. Safety in crossing Hwy. 24 was a concern and solar-powered signs that light up for pedestrian crossing are being considered.
- Spring grant 2010 for 2011 – A possible project would be 3 sections of the Cottonwood Creek Trail system – Marquard, Vessey easement and along Railroad St. This could coordinate with SRTS.
- Roy mentioned that Council is looking at raising extra funding for streets, roads, sidewalks, and trails within ROW through increased sales tax.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next meeting: Dec. 1, 2009, 9:00 a.m. Public Works

Minutes submitted by Kathy Hoerlein